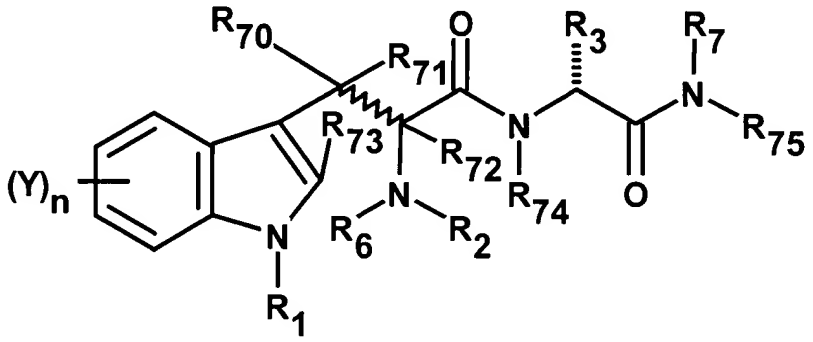
All the pending claims are listed below.

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of general formula I



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wherein:

R_1 and R_{70} independently represent a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl or acyl group with the proviso that when R_{71} is hydrogen as hereinafter described, R_{70} is not hydrogen;

R_2 represents a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl or acyl group ~~or is absent when R_6 represents a group -CH= as hereinafter described~~;

R_{73} represents a hydrogen atom or an optional substituent ~~or is absent when R_6 represents a methylene group or a group -CH= as hereinafter described~~;

Y represents an optional substituent;

n represents 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

R_3 represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group;

R_{74} represents a hydrogen atom, a hydroxy group or an optionally substituted alkyl or acyl group;

R_7 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group;

R_{75} represents an optionally substituted alkyl group or -Q'-C(O)X, wherein Q' is an optionally substituted $-CH_2-$, $-CH_2CH_2-$, $-CH_2CH_2CH_2-$, $-CH_2CH=CH-$, $-CH_2C\equiv C-$ or phenylene, X is $-OR_8$, $-SR_8$, or $-NR_9R_{10}$, and R_8, R_9 and R_{10} independently represent a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl group; and

i) R_6 and R_{71} independently represent a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl or acyl group; and R_{72} represents a hydrogen atom; or

ii) R_6 represents a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl or acyl group and R_{71} and R_{72} are joined together such that a double bond is formed between the carbon atoms to which they are attached;

with the proviso that when

R_6, R_7, R_{70} and R_{71} are methyl;

R_2, R_{72}, R_{73} and R_{74} are hydrogen;

R_3 is t-butyl;

R_{75} is $-CH(CH(CH_3)_2)C(H)=C(CH_3)COOH$; and

n is 0, R_1 is not methyl.

2. (Currently Amended) A compound of ~~general formula I described in~~ claim 1, wherein

R_1 represents a hydrogen atom;

R_2 represents a hydrogen atom, or an alkyl group, or an acyl group;

R_3 represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group;

n represents 0;

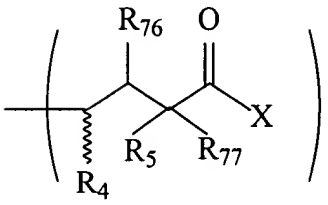
R_{70} and R_{71} independently represent a hydrogen atom or optionally substituted alkyl group;

R_{72}, R_{73} and R_{74} represent hydrogen atoms;

R_7 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group;

R_6 represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group;

R_{75} represents a group of general formula III,



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wherein R_4 represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group; R_5 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group; R_{76} and R_{77} each represent a hydrogen atom or R_{76} and R_{77} are joined so that a C=C bond is formed between the carbon atoms to which R_{76} and R_{77} are attached; and X represents a group $-OR_8$ or a group $-NR_9R_{10}$, wherein R_8, R_9 and R_{10} independently represent a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl group.

3. (Currently Amended) A compound of ~~general formula I described in~~ claim 1, wherein

R_1 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group;

R_2 represents an acyl group;

R_3 represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group;

n represents 0;

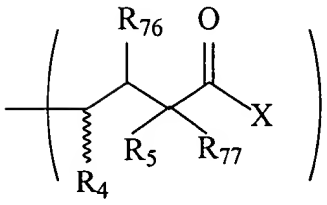
R_{70} and R_{71} independently represent a hydrogen atom or optionally substituted alkyl group;

R_{72}, R_{73} and R_{74} represent hydrogen atoms;

R_7 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group;

R_6 represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group;

R_{75} represents a group of general formula III,



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wherein R_4 represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group; R_5 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group; R_{76} and R_{77} each represent a hydrogen atom or R_{76} and R_{77} are joined so that a C=C bond is formed between the carbon atoms to which R_{76} and R_{77} are attached; and X represents a group $-OR_8$ or a group $-NR_9R_{10}$, wherein R_8, R_9 and R_{10} independently represent a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl group.

4. (Currently Amended) A compound of ~~general formula I described in~~ claim 1, wherein

R_1 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group;

R_2 represents a hydrogen atom, or an alkyl group, or an acyl group;

R_3 represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group;

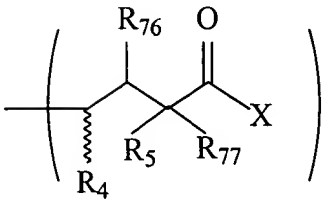
n represents 0;

R_{70} and R_{71} independently represent a hydrogen atom or optionally substituted alkyl group;

R_{72}, R_{73} and R_{74} represent hydrogen atoms;

R_6 represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group;

R_{75} represents a group of general formula III,



III,

wherein R_4 represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group; R_5 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group; R_{76} and R_{77} each represent a hydrogen atom or R_{76} and R_{77} are joined so that a C=C bond is formed between the carbon atoms to which R_{76} and R_{77} are attached; and X represents a group $-OR_8$ or a group $-NR_9R_{10}$, wherein R_9 and R_{10} independently represent a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl group.

5. (Previously canceled)

6. (Previously canceled)

7. (Previously canceled)

8. (Previously Added) The compound of claim 1, wherein

R_{75} is -Q'-C(O)X;

Q' is optionally substituted $-CH_2CH=CH-$;

X is OH;

R_{70} and R_{71} are optionally substituted alkyl; and

R_2 and R_6 are different and each are selected from hydrogen or methyl.

9. (Currently Amended) A ~~pharmaceutical~~ composition ~~for treating cancer~~ comprising ~~an effective amount of~~ a compound of claim 1 ~~and~~ in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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10. (Previously Added) The compound of claim 2, wherein R_{70} and R_{71} are methyl groups.

11. (Previously Added) The compound of claim 3, wherein R_{70} and R_{71} are methyl groups.

12. (Previously Added) The compound of claim 4, wherein R_{70} and R_{71} are methyl groups.

13. (Currently Added) A composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier together with a compound according to claim 1 in an amount effective to inhibit growth of tumor cells.